Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0023] from page 3, line 30 through page 4, line 7, as follows:

[0023] Referring to Figures 3A and 3B, a plurality of wires 40 from the wire stock 32 are twisted in a known manner to establish a strand 42. In this example, seven individual wires 40 are within each individual strand 42. As shown in Figure 3A, one of the wires 40 has a broken section with two ends 44 protruding away from the exterior of the strand 42. This condition is detected by a ~~detector 50~~detector 45, which can be a known device as used in high speed winding machinery, for example. Once the broken ends 44 are detected, the winding machinery preferably is shut down so that the condition of the broken wire can be addressed. If the winding process continued, the broken wire would likely become entangled in the machinery causing significant problems and machine down time.

Please replace paragraph [0029] on page 4, line 31 – page 5, line 7, as follows:

[0029] Figure 3B schematically illustrates a later portion of the process where the individual strands 42 are wound together to form a cord 46. As shown in the example of Figure 3B, another ~~detector 52~~detector 47 inspects the cords for broken wires protruding away from the exterior of the cord, for example. In the illustration, broken wire ~~ends 54~~ends 49 are detected and the machinery is stopped so that the broken wire ends can be recaptured into the cord. Any one of the example techniques described above are used in this stage of the process to again ensure no entanglements during later processing of the cords to form the elevator belt 20 or rope 25. The ~~detector 52~~detector 47 comprises known detecting components.

Please replace paragraph [0030] on page 5, lines 8-10, as follows:

[0030] Once a cord has passed inspection by the ~~detector 52~~detector 47, it can be provided to a jacket application machine including an extruder, for example, for applying the polyurethane jacket 24 or 28 to establish the belt or rope configuration.